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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE
FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING, NEW DELHI, APRIL 6-11

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1. DCM RAISED POINTS NOTED REF A IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS AT FONMIN WITH AHMAD DIAB, DG POLAFFS, AND OMER BERIDO, DIRECTOR INTORG DEPT. THEY CONFIRMED GOS PARTICIPATION AT NEW DELHI CONFERENCE, BUT FONMIN KHALID, WHO IN FACT WILL BE IN US, WILL NOT ATTEND. SUDAN DEL WILL BE LED BY GOS AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS ALI FAHLOOL. OTHERS ON DEL INCLUDE SUDAN PERMREP IN GENEVA ABDULLA MAHGOUB, AMBASSADOR TO INDIA HASSAN EL BESHIR AND BERIDO. GOS UNLIKELY PLAY LEADING ROLE AT CONFERENCE BUT INSTEAD WILL ATTEMPT FOLLOW GENERAL CONSENSUS.

2. NEITHER DIAB NOR BERIDO PROVIDED MUCH DETAILED INFO ON GOS POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. LATTER NOTED THAT NEW DELHI MEETING WILL HAVE SEVERAL PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS TO ADDRESS, SUCH AS WHEN AND WHERE TO HOLD NAC FONMINS' CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR PRIOR TO HAVANA SUMMIT. POLITICAL AND ECON COMMITTEES
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WILL REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE COLOMBO SUMMIT. MASS MEDIA REPORT AND RESULTS 31ST UNGA WILL ALSO BE STUDIED. DIAB PREDICTED NORTH KOREANS WOULD ATTEMPT OBTAIN BACKING FOR THEIR POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION, BUT HE DOUBTFUL THEY WILL SUCCEED.

3. COMMENT: BASED ON CHARACTER GOS DEL AT NACCFM AND REMARKS

OF FONMIN OFFICIALS, WE BELIEVE GOS ATTACHING LITTLE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO NEW DELHI CONCLAVE. NONETHELESS, GOS WILL WANT FOLLOW-UP IN NEW DELHI SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IT BELIEVES WERE OBTAINED AT RECENT AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT IN CAIRO (KHARTOUM 1040 NOTAL). BELIEVE GOS WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN ISSUES WHICH CLOSELY AFFECT AFRO-ARAB STATES AND THEIR INTERRELATIONS. OTHERWISE, PRINCIPAL GOS INTEREST LIKELY TO BE GROWING SOVIET/CUBAN-BACKED RADICALISM IN AFRICA WITH WHICH SUDANESE, ALONG WITH OTHER MODERATE ARABS, PRESENTLY CONCERNED. THIS PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY IN RED SEA/HORN REGION, IS HIGHEST PRIORITY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUE CURRENTLY FACING GOS. NOT CLEAR HOWEVER HOW THIS SET OF PROBLEMS WILL BE SEEN BY SUDAN DEL TO EMERGE IN NACCFM MEETING NOR HOW RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL SUDAN DEL WILL WISH HANDLE THESE QUESTIONS WHILE MAINTAINING ITS NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS IN NEW DELHI.
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